

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-18 to read as follows. Note that all claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus comprising:
an image sensor sensing means;
storage means for storing predetermined data;
display means for displaying the predetermined data stored in said storage
means;
designation means for designating by user input an arbitrary point which is
to be linked to an image to be taken on the predetermined data displayed on said display
means; and
generation means for generating link information such that if an image is
taken by said image sensor sensing means after the arbitrary a point is designated by said
designation means, and then link information is generated which represents that the said
taken image is linked to the arbitrary point said designated by said designation means
point.

2. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to
Claim 1, further comprising addition means for adding the link information generated by
said generation means to said the predetermined data or said the taken image.

3. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said storage means further stores the image taken by said image sensing means sensor.

4. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said generation means generates link information such that any taken image is linked to the same point as ~~the~~ an immediately previous point unless another point is designated by said designation means.

5. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the predetermined data is data representing a map.

6. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein images may be stored in said storage means in a ~~hierarchy~~ hierarchical fashion according to ~~said~~ the link information and/or such that the images are linked to each other.

7. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising control means for controlling said image ~~sensing means~~ sensor such that when a the arbitrary point is designated by said designation means, said image ~~sensing means~~ sensor starts to take an image.

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8. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising display controlling means for controlling a displaying process such that, when said image pickup apparatus is in an image reproducing mode, if a point having link information or a particular area adjacent to ~~said the~~ point on the predetermined data is designated by said designation means, then an image indicated by ~~said the~~ link information as an image corresponding to ~~said the~~ designated point is displayed.

9. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ predetermined data stored in said storage means is ~~an the~~ image taken by said image ~~sensing means~~ sensor or an image input from an external device.

10. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the link information generated by said generation means includes information indicating a the arbitrary point designated by said designation means and also includes identification information of ~~an the~~ image taken by said image ~~sensing means~~ sensor.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, comprising:
an image sensing step;
a displaying step of displaying predetermined data stored in a storage unit;

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a designation step of designating by user input an arbitrary point which is to be linked to an image to be taken on the predetermined data displayed in said displaying step; and

a generation step of generating link information such that if an image is taken in said image sensing step after the arbitrary a point is designated in said designation step, and then link information is generated which represents that the said taken image is linked to the arbitrary point said designated in said designation step point.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, further comprising an addition step of adding the link information generated in said generation step to said the predetermined data or said the taken image.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein said generation step generates link information such that any taken image is linked to the same point as the an immediately previous point unless another point is designated in said designation step.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein said the predetermined data is data representing a map.

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15. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, further comprising a control step of controlling said image sensing step such that when a the arbitrary point is designated in said designation step, said image sensing step starts to take an image.

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16. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, further comprising a display controlling step of controlling a displaying process such that, when said image pickup apparatus is in an image reproducing mode, if a point having link information or a particular area adjacent to said the point on the predetermined data is designated in said designation step, then an image indicated by said the link information as an image corresponding to said the designated point is displayed.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein said the predetermined data is an the image taken in said image sensing step or an image input from an external device.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein the link information generated in said generation step includes information indicating a the arbitrary point designated in said designation means and also includes identification information of an the image taken in said image sensing step.

19. (Original) A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 11.

20. (Original) A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 13.

21. (Original) A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 16.